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SUBJECT: GOSL CABINET RESHUFFLE

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1. PRESIDENT STEVENS OCT 28 ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING CABINET  
CHANGES:

A. S.W. GANDI-CAPIO, FORMERLY RESIDENT  
MINISTER, (MINISTER OF STATE) EASTERN  
PROVINCE, NAMED MINISTER FOR NEW  
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND POWER;

B. A. G. SEMBU-FORNA, FORMERLY MIN HEALTH  
NAMED MIN TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS,  
REPLACING J. BARTHES-WILSON WHO DIED  
SEPT 22;

C. J.C.O. HADSON-TAYLOR, FORMERLY MIN LABOUR  
NAMED MIN HEALTH VICE SEMBU-FORNA;  
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D. GEORGE GABIO-LAMIN, FORMERLY RESIDENT  
MINISTER (MINISTER OF STATE), SOUTHERN  
PRIVINCE, NAMED MIN LABOUR VICE HADSON-TAYLOR;

E. DR. M. KORJI NAMED RESIDENT MINISTER (MINISTER  
OF STATE), SOUTHERN PROVINCE, VICE GOBIO-LAMIN;

F. ALHAJI A.B.S. JANNEH, FORMER MIN OF SOCIAL WELFARE,  
NAMED RESIDENT MINISTER (MINISTER OF STATE),  
NORTHERN PROVINCE, VICE S.A. FOFANAH;

G. S.A. FOFANAH, FORMERLY RESIDENT MINISTER (MINISTER  
OF STATE), NORTHERN PROVINCE, NAMED MIN SOCIAL  
WELFARE VICE JANNEH;

H. DR. S.S. MAGONA, FORMERLY DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS NAMED RESIDENT MINSTER (MINISTER OF STATE),  
C  
EASTERN PROVINCE, VICE GANDI-CAPIO;

I. H.T.T. WILLIAMS NAMED DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS VICE MAGONA;

J. J.T. KANU NAMED DEPUTY MINISTER, OFFICE OF THE VICE  
PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER.

2. IN ADDITION CABINET CHANGES, PRESIDENT ALSO ANNOUNCED  
APPOINTMENT OF MILITARY FORCE COMMANDER, BRIG JOSEPH  
SAIDU MOMOH, AND COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR. PRINCE  
CLAUDIUS KAETU-SMITH, AS MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT UNDER  
AUTHORITY RECENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (SEE FREETOWN A-65).

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3. COMMENT: RESHUFFLE APPEARS BASICALLY AN ATTEMPT TO  
INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF CABINET, ALTHOUGH HOW SUCCESSFUL  
IT WILL BE IN ACHIEVING THIS AIM UNCERTAIN. HADSON-TAYLOR  
RETURNS TO HEALTH FOR SECOND TIME BUT WAS NOT NOTICEABLY  
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EFFECTIVE IN THAT JOB PREVIOUSLY. CHANGE FOR SEMBU-FORNA  
APPEARS REPRESENT SOME DEGREE OF LOSS OF FAVOR FOR THIS  
CAPABLE BUT APPARENTLY TOO INDEPENDENT-MINDED MINISTER.  
WILLIAMS, KANO AND KORJI ARE FORMER BACKBENCHERS OF WHICH  
LITTLE KNOWN. DESIGNATION OF MOMOH AND KAETU-SMITH AS  
MEMBERS PARLIAMENT IS STEP IN POLICY STATED AT TIME  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ADOPTED OF BRINGING INTO GOVERNMENT  
REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUPS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPRESENTED, I.E.

MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVICE.  
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